# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
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Funds for Promotion of Youth Development Schemes
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of funds released and utilised for implementation of various schemes/programmes for promotion of youth development during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for allocation of funds for the purpose;
(c) whether the funds are also released to various Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) engaged in implementation of such schemes/ programmes and if so, the details thereof for the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware of audit observations against these NGOs regarding non-submission of utilisation certificates etc. and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds and transparency in the functioning of these NGOs?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.337 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2016 REGARDING FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES ASKED BY SHRI ARVIND SAWANT AND SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU.

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Youth Affairs, implements the following Schemes for promotion of youth development:

(I) Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK): This is an umbrella Scheme introduced w.e.f 01.04.2016, by merging various ongoing schemes. The components or sub-schemes of RYSK are (i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), (ii) National Youth Corps (NYC), (iii) National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) (iv) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD), (v) International Cooperation, (vi) Youth Hostels, (vii) National Discipline Scheme and (viii) Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations. The Scheme aims at developing the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is one of the largest youth organisations in the world, with about 8.6 million youth enrolled through 3.03 lakh youth clubs, mainly in rural areas, all over the country.
(II) National Service Scheme (NSS): NSS aims at developing personality and character of student youth by involving them in voluntary community service. NSS has about 3.6 million youth enrolled through 391 Universities/ +2 Councils, 16,278 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools.
(III) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD): RGNIYD, an 'institute of national importance' by virtue of RGNIYD Act, 2012, contributes to youth development through academic, training and capacity building and research activities.
The details of funds released and utilized for implementation of abovementioned schemes/ programmes during last 3 years and the current year,

scheme-wise, are given in enclosed Annexure-I. Most of the schemes/ programmes are implemented directly from the Department of Youth Affairs or through autonomous/ subordinate organisations under the Department, namely, NYKS, NSS and RGNIYD. In such cases, funds are directly spent by Department or are released to these organisation and are utilized by them. The release of funds to States/ UTs is only in case of NSS and NPYAD (part of the allocation) and in case of National Discipline Scheme. The State/ UT-wise position of funds released in case of these Schemes is given in Annexure-IA. Regarding criteria for allocation of funds for various Schemes, it is stated that the financial norms for incurring expenditure under various schemes/programmes have been finalised with approval of competent authority. The funds are allocated to various schemes/programmes after careful assessment of funds requirement for these schemes/programmes, subject to overall funds allocation made by the Ministry of Finance for the Department of Youth Affairs.

(c) Funds are also released to various Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) for implementation of schemes/programmes for youth development. The details of funds released to NGO during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure II.

(d) The Government is aware of audit observations against these NGOs regarding non- submission of utilization certificates etc. Necessary actions for black listing/show cause notice to defaulter NGOs has already been taken by the Government. Audit Authorities have been appraised and requested to settle the Paras.

(e) The Monitoring mechanism is inherent in the scheme of NPYAD, as the grant is released in two instalments and for the release of the second instalment, the grantee organization, on completion of the programme, is required to submit the details of the activities done under the programme along with performance report, list of participants indicating their age, gender, caste, funds utilization certificate and accounts statement duly signed by a Chartered Accountant, and an Inspection Report signed by either a State Govt. Officer or by an officer of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). NYKS has been designated as the Monitoring and Evaluation Institute (MEI) for projects sanctioned under NPYAD Scheme.

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